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| Title     | : | Method and Apparatus for<br>Making Elevator Buckets |
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| Examiner  | : | D. Heckenberg, Jr.                                  |

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**AMENDMENT A**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action of June 1, 2006 please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** there are no amendments  
being made to the specification in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** there are no amendments being  
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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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